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It is noted that petition of 3/10/08 to accept color drawings is now accepted.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

It is noted that Applicant has complied with the requirements for acceptance of color drawings on 3/10/08, and hence, the objection to such is withdrawn.

Therefore, the objections to the drawings are withdrawn.

Applicant's amendments to the claims overcomes all objections and rejections against such claims, and hence, all rejections and objections are withdrawn.

In addition it is noted that the polyinositol compounds of the invention are not obvious or anticipated by the Art. At best, the Art contains reference to polyinositol compounds, but such reference does not refer to a polymer of inositol, but a subset of distinct inositol derivatives which are found together (e.g., Tomera, et al. (1993) J. Burn. Care. Rehabil., 14(6): 639-52, ABSTRACT ONLY). Moreover, no art has been found to indicate that the polyinositol compounds of the invention would increase transfection of genes. In addition, while U.S. Patent No. 6,187,335 teaches the optional use of phosphatidyl headgroups in liposomes for transfection, no reasonable expectation of success is found in the Art to provide similar forms of polyinositol, because the increased negative charge is antithetical to increased transfection, because the cell membrane is typically negatively charged and would repulse the increased negative charge. Hence, Applicant has contributed to advance the art by demonstration that polyinositol polymer compounds may increase transfection. Further, given the infinite number of compounds which are possible, the claims are not obvious, and the claims are found allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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Claims 1-12 are allowed.

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